

**SECTION:** CERTIFICATION

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility Requirement

**ITEM:** *Indicator of Nutritional Need: Overview*



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<b>Policy</b>	Local agencies shall determine that a participant is eligible for program benefits if the participant exhibits one or more indicators of nutritional need.
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<b>Authority for policy</b>	7 CFR 246.7 (i) (6)
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<b>Category-specific indicators of nutrition need</b>	Category-specific indicators of need are identified within the Triage Matrix System and may be used only for the category indicated. For a detailed listing of category specific indicators of nutrition need see sections 210-50 and 210-60 of the WPM.
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<b>Local agency use of non-specific nutrition codes as indicators of nutrition need</b>	<p>The local agency shall document in Integrated Statewide Information System (ISIS) the indicators of nutrition need and the specific condition that warrants the use of non-specific nutrition codes when used to certify an individual. Non-specific nutrition codes are those in which the definition is broad or generic and may give a non-inclusive set of examples. The following list provides examples of non-specific codes that require justification.</p>
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This is not an all inclusive list:

For Women

- B90 (other congenital blood disorders)
  - C80 (severe acute infections)
  - C105 (other medical diseases and conditions)
  - C106 (genetic and congenital disorders)
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**Local agency use  
of non-specific  
nutrition codes  
as indicators of  
nutrition need  
(Continued)**

For Infants and Children

- B90 (other congenital blood disorders)
  - C77 (other genetic and congenital disorders)
  - C123 (other medical diseases or conditions)
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**Local Agency  
use of diet  
nutrition codes**

Identifying a *dietary nutrition* need shall not be required unless no other nutritional need can be identified for eligibility. If eligibility is based on a dietary risk, the local agency shall document identified indicator(s) of dietary need.

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**Identification  
and  
documentation  
of nutrition  
needs**

The local agency shall identify the indicator(s) of nutrition need and document them in ISIS on the Summary Screen.

When a non-specific nutrition code or a nutrition code which includes a problem “severe enough to affect nutritional status” is identified, the local agency shall further document the specific condition or problem with appropriate comments as needed in the INEP or the “Individual Comments” screen.

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